

Remarks

The Application has been reviewed in light of the Official Action of January 26, 2007. Claim 2 is cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 22 are amended. Claims 1, 3-9, 22 and 23 are currently pending in the Application.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Okumura (US 6,246,232). The Examiner objected to claims 2-9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 2. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 as amended is allowable over the cited reference.

Applicants have also amended claim 22 to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 2. Like claim 1, claim 22 requires in part a first code part that is "rotated by rotation of the disc brake adjustment shaft; and a second code part having a sliding part in the form of a code rack which is moved in a linear fashion by said first code part; characterized in that the second code part is moved intermittently by the rotation of the adjustment shaft." As noted by the Examiner, Okumura does not disclose a second code part that is "moved intermittently by the rotation of the adjustment shaft." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is allowable over the cited reference.

Based on the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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